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For: NOVEL VACCINE COMPOSITION AND USE OF SURFACTANTS AS
ADJUVANTS OF IMMUNITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of this application, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:Please ~~add~~ the following new ~~claim~~:

32. (Added) A process for enhancing the immune response to a vaccine comprising at least one antigen or at least one in vivo generator of a compound comprising an amino acid sequence, said process comprising combining said antigen or in vivo generator with a surfactant or with a mixture of surfactants, said surfactant or mixture of surfactants having an overall HLB number of between 5 and 15.

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, claim 32 has been added to secure enhanced protection for Applicant's invention. Claim 32 is directed to a process for enhancing the immune response to a vaccine comprising at least one antigen or at least one in vivo

generator of a compound comprising an amino acid sequence, the process comprising combining the antigen or in vivo generator with a surfactant or with a mixture of surfactants, the surfactant or mixture of surfactants having an overall HLB number of between 5 and 15. The addition of claim 32 is supported in the specification, for example, at page 2, lines 21-31, and claim 19. No new matter is added.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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